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*September 24th.*

Dr. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

After some preliminary business, the Society proceeded to an election for Vice President, in place of Dr. Griffith, deceased, when Dr. Robert Bridges was elected to that office.

The Society also elected Dr. T. B. Wilson a member of the Conchological Committee, to supply the vacancy in that committee occasioned by the decease of Dr. Griffith.

ELECTION.

Aubrey H. Smith, Esq., of Philadelphia, was elected a *Member* of the Academy.

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*October 1st.*

Dr. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

Dr. Bridges presented a paper entitled "Descriptions of four new species of Crinoidea, from the sub-carboniferous limestone of Iowa and Illinois, collected during the U. S. Geological Survey of Iowa, &c., in the years 1848-9. By David Dale Owen, M. D., and B. F. Shumard, M. D.;" being an addition to the memoir by the same authors read at a late meeting of the Academy. The present paper was referred to the committee having charge of the previous portion, viz., Messrs. Conrad, Wilson and Morton.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Lyceum of Natural History, of New York, dated September 27th, 1850, stating, that a parcel containing publications of several scientific societies of Lyons, France, had been received by M. Grex, of New York, for the Academy.

Dr. Bridges read a letter from Mr. George Ord, accompanying the donation of copper plates XX and XXI, of Vol. 4, 1st series, 8vo. of the Journal of this Institution. On motion, the thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to Mr. Ord for his liberal and valuable gift.

Dr. Leidy, read a description of a new species of *Ligula* (*L. salamandræ*) which on motion was referred to a committee consisting of Drs. Hallowell, Keller, and Zantzinger.

Dr. Morton, read the following extract from a letter from A. C. Harris, Esq., addressed to Mr. George R. Gliddon, and dated Alexandria, in Egypt, 6th Aug., 1850, in relation to the present existence of the *Ibis religiosa*, in that country.

"Upon a large sand-bank opposite to the Casr-el Sayad, I positively saw an *Ibis* on the 20th of last December. I have seen stuffed specimens brought from Sennaar, and cannot be mistaken in the bird. Its shape is that of the Monuments—the body is grey, the head and part of the neck black, as also the feathers of